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# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

# NOTE

Beginning with the January 1974 issue, the title of this publication was changed to "Montana Employment and Labor Force" to reflect a change in the concept of measuring employment requested by the U. S. Department of Labor of all State Employment Security Agencies. The change was made to ensure comparability between states, and to make employment data published by this agency for Montana comparable to national labor force concepts. Civilian Labor Force series now reflect a count of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence (known as residence data) rather than by place of work (known as establishment data). The years 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973 were revised to the residence concept and as a result data after January 1970 are not strictly comparable to data published earlier.

Conceptually, the difference between the old "Work Force" and the new "Labor Force" series is that the new series eliminates duplicate counting of multiple job holders, and persons who work in Montana but reside in another state. However, people who live in Montana but work elsewhere are included in the new "Labor Force" estimates.

Residence and establishment data supplement one another and the Montana Employment Security Division will continue to publish establishment data for nonagricultural industries on employment, hours and earnings, labor turnover and job vacancy for those users who need this type of information.

# - EMPLOYMENT -

# - UNEMPLOYMENT -

# - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE -

**SEPTEMBER 1974**

# MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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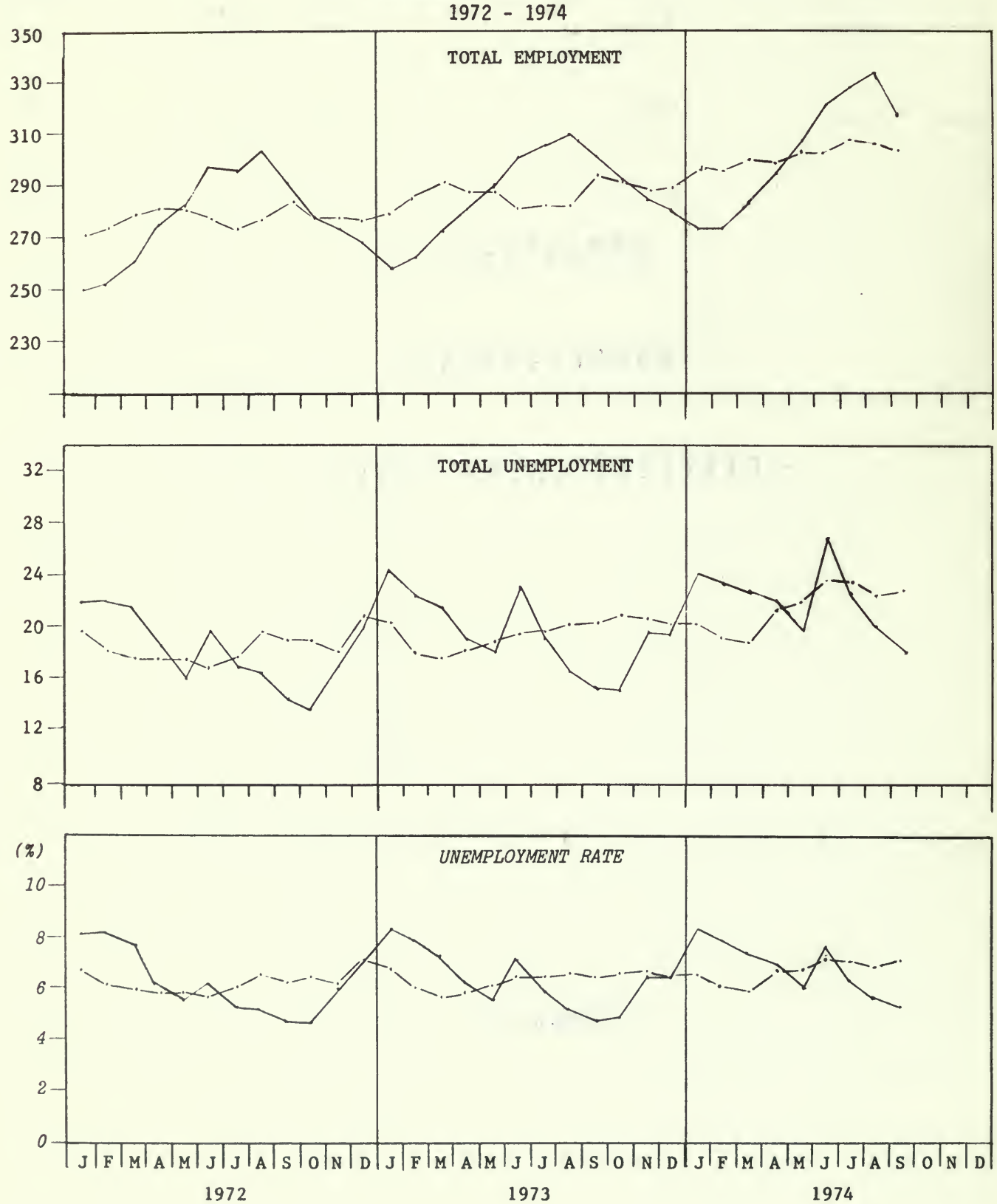

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

SEPTEMBER 1974

STATE OF MONTANA — Montana's unemployment rate for August 1974 was 5.7% as compared with 6.4% for July and 4.1% for August 1973. Total employment for the state was 323,100 compared with 326,400 for July and 321,800 for the same month one year ago. August's civilian labor force was down 6.7 thousand from July but increased 3.2 thousand from August of 1973.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) totaled 246,700, an increase of 1,200 from last month and 11,800 from one year ago. Manufacturing employment showed an increase from last month of 200 and an increase of 900 over the same period a year ago.

All August's nonmanufacturing employment (establishment data) at 220.5 thousand remained the same as the previous month but showed an increase of 10.9 thousand over August 1973. The construction industry, wholesale and retail trade industry, and finance, insurance and real estate industry all showed gains over last month and last year. Employment increases in these industries were: contract construction, up 200 from last month and 600 from August 1973; wholesale and retail trade, up 400 from last month and 4,200 from one year ago; finance, insurance and real estate, up 100 from last month and 600 from one year ago.

Nonmanufacturing industries recording decreases from last month were: transportation and public utilities, down 200 from last month but up 300 from last year; services, down 300 from last month and up 3,600 from August 1973; government, down 200 from last month and up 1,100 from last year.

All other nonagricultural employment (nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households) showed a decrease of 800 from July but up 400 from last year.

Agricultural employment was 46.0 thousand, a decrease of 2,700 from last month and a decrease of 11,300 recorded for the same month one year ago. Wheat production for Montana is expected to total 121.2 million bushels which is 25% higher than last year's crop. The forecast for all wheat yields is 25.1 bushels which is down 1.2 bushels from last year. Production of winter wheat is expected to be 44% above last year while hard spring wheat production will be down slightly from last year. Barley production is forecast at 40.5 million bushels which is 32% less than last year with yield prospects the same as a year ago.

Gas exploratory activity in northwestern Montana continues to be good in Hill, Blaine and Chouteau counties. Action is increasing in Toole and Liberty counties in areas where tests were drilled in the past that failed to find oil but gave strong evidence of gas production. At the time the oil wells were drilled and gas flows were discovered, only a low price was offered for gas and as a result were not pursued. In September the state of Montana will lease auction 80,288 acres for gas and oil tests.

Bank debits for Montana increased 28% in July over the same period one year ago. The cumulative for January through July of this year is up 30% over last year, and the 12-month beginning in August 1973 through July 1974 is up 27%. The highest increase for the state in July was 44% in Anaconda with Missoula up 40% and Billings up 37%.

There were 467 building permits issued in Montana for July with a total valuation of $13,952,000 compared with 436 permits issued one year ago valued at $11,637,000. Great Falls had the most permits issued with 97 followed by 89 issued in Billings and 67 in Missoula. Kalispell led the state for total valuation of permits with $4,610,000, followed by Missoula with $2,327,000.

ANACONDA — Bank debits for July were up 44% in Anaconda over the same period one year ago, and up 68% from January through July over last year. Construction employment at the new Arbiter plant during the first week was approximately 345 and is expected to be down to 200 in October as the project winds down. A sawmill corporation with operations in Phillipsburg and Deer Lodge closed for a week this past month because of a slowdown in the lumber market. In agriculture, combining, haying and general farm work are the main activities.

BILLINGS — Construction in the Billings area continued at a good pace as work progressed on a regional shopping center, a new night club-restaurant, and a hardware store. At Yellowtail Dam in Big Horn County work began on a $4 million construction project with a 31-man crew. A major oil company submitted a bid of $150.25 for gas exploration leases on 640 acres of state owned land. July bank debits in Billings were up 38% from last year, while in Laurel and Worden they were up 3%. In agriculture during the past month wheat harvest was completed and corn harvest is well underway, with moisture causing some delay.

BOZEMAN — The city's bank debits for July were 22% higher than the same month a year ago with a total volume of $63,397,000. New construction in the area included a $390,000 alteration to a building, finishing of a new discount center and completion of a new restaurant and a tire recapping plant. Small grain harvest was about 90% complete by the first week in September with yields down this year compared with normal harvests.

BUTTE — Building construction in Butte is at full swing with such projects as a $1.9 nursing home, a new 26,215 square foot food store, a new $650,000 community facilities building, a new $2.2 million elderly folks apartment complex, and a new $500,000 car dealership all going up at the present time. Another boost to the local economy is the filming of a $1 million plus movie in Butte. Bank debits in Butte for July were up 30% over the same month one year ago. The main agricultural activities in the local area during the past month included haying, irrigation and fencing.

CUT BANK — Both the pencil manufacturing company and the plywood plant at Browning are running steady. In Cut Bank, construction on a new farm implement dealership, and a hospital building are progressing with several other smaller projects continuing. Cut Bank area bank debits were up 31% in July over the same period one year ago, and are up 18% for the first seven months of the year. Farm activities for the past month included swathing, summer fallowing and harvesting.

DILLON Construction activity remained steady in the area as work continued on additions to a service station and a restaurant building, renovation of a new clothing store and 8 new homes. By September 6 the second cutting of alfalfa was about 40% complete and the grain harvest was about 70% complete.

GLASGOW Building construction on a local housing development is nearing completion and work continues on the earth-moving project at Fort Peck with an attempt to complete the project by freeze-up. Bank debits for Glasgow showed a 16% increase for July over last year. Grain harvest has been delayed by wet weather but yields are expected to be average with prices on the upward trend.

GLENDIVE Sugar beet farmers have been getting ready for the harvest season which is to start in mid-September. An early frost caused early corn silage harvest. Area construction work is continuing on a new apartment complex, a new gas station, a new retail store and on the Fallon bridge site. Retail trade is running at a steady pace and oil field activity has picked up with a new drilling company entering the area this past month.

GREAT FALLS Construction began this month on a 60-unit addition to a large motel in Great Falls. There were 114 building permits issued in the city for June with a valuation of about $1.4 million. Bank debits were up 24% for the first seven months of 1974 in Great Falls over last year, while the communities of Belt and Cascade were up 11% and 6% respectively. By mid-September fall seeding was in full swing with other farm activities including fallowing, late harvest and haying.

HAMILTON Employment activity picked up in the area during the past month as hiring has been noted in nearly all industries, although cutbacks were made in the logging and lumber mill industries. Retail trade firms in the area report business volumes about normal for this time of year and construction activities remained steady. Oiling of the road project between Lolo and Florence is progressing on schedule as is work on the school projects in Darby and the hospital and medical clinic in Hamilton. Harvest activities are in full swing throughout the valley and preparations are being made for the upcoming potato and apple harvest.

HAVRE All Havre construction is progressing well with no new starts anticipated. Construction of the building that will house a shovel manufacturing company in Liberty County is scheduled to get started by the end of September. Exploration drilling has shown a very small amount of activity this month while wholesale and retail trade and the service industries remained steady. Agricultural activities during the month were the completion of harvest, summer fallowing, haying and rock picking.

HELENA A bid of $131,704 was approved this month for construction of a new Cow-port to be located at the City-County airport. Also ground was broken and construction will begin shortly on a new six-floor $2,095,000 multi-use building in downtown Helena. July bank debits for Helena were up 29% over July of 1973 and are up 36% for the first seven months of this year. The main agricultural activities this past month were the finishing of the second cutting of hay in some valleys, and tractor work.

KALISPELL A total of 125 building permits have been issued this year through August, valued at an all-time high figure of $6,513,800. A $375,000 office complex is to be built in downtown Kalispell with scheduled completion in February 1975, and construction of the $4.1 million new facility for the Flathead Health Center is progressing well. In Whitefish plans were announced for construction to begin immediately on a 50-bed, $1.5 million addition to the local hospital. Filming of a $400,000 motion picture is to start in the Flathead Valley which will take approximately 10 weeks to finish. This year's cherry crop of 2.5 million pounds is well below last year's crop. Adverse weather conditions during pollination, and rains prior to harvest were blamed for the lower than average volume. Other area agricultural activities were grain harvest and haying. The lumber and wood products industries noted some layoffs during the month.

LEWISTOWN A local lumber mill added a new shift of 16 workers this month even though logging and lumber production was unsteady in some major areas of the state. Construction during the past month was steady as work was being done on a new office building, a new drug and gift store, and various other remodeling jobs. Mining activities dropped considerably. The main agricultural activities included harvesting and general ranch work.

LIBBY Libby Dam construction stood at 520 at the beginning of September. Black-topping on Highway 37 is in full progress as approximately 20 miles had been laid. The logging and lumber industry is maintaining a high level, and retail and the service trades remained steady. No new construction starts were noted this past month.

LIVINGSTON A total of 50 building permits were issued in Livingston during the first half of the year with a total valuation of $503,000. Work this month was in progress on the bridge in Gardner and the new highway construction project. Bank debits in Livingston in the month of July totaled $25.2 million which represents a 29% increase over July of 1973. The main agricultural activities during the past month were haying, irrigating and general farm work.

MILES CITY Valuation of July's building permits increased 79% over the same month one year ago. Twenty-seven permits were issued for a total of $545,324. Major construction listed was a $200,000 addition to a local bank and a $80,000 new savings and loan building. A new project is the construction of two new bridges east of Terry. This project should last through the winter. Bank debits for July increased 34% over July 1973 and 29% for the first seven months of the year. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, haying and silaging of corn.

MISSOULA Valuation of Missoula's July bank debits was up 40% from last July 1973 and up 19% for the first seven months of 1974. For June there were 49 building permits issued for a valuation of $1,454,000. During the past month a major woods products company in the area laid off 130 workers due to a declining market. Two other large employers in the woods industry are not planning any cutbacks for the near future. All other industries were stable during the past month.

POLSON Construction work remains steady locally although work on the courthouse addition has been slowed because of lack of materials. Home remodeling and new home starts are the only other building activities. Sawmill

and logging work have remained down in the area due to a poor lumber market. Main Street employers have been active spurred by a fairly good tourist season. The main agricultural work for the area includes the second cutting of hay and general work.

SHELBY Construction activity remains active with all projects progressing well. All other industries remained steady during the past month. In agriculture, activities included harvesting, fencing and summer fallowing.

SIDNEY Work on the new addition to the senior high school is progressing at a rapid pace. The project which will cost $347,000 will include a vo-ag, industrial arts and home economics building. Other local construction includes home building, and repair work on a community swimming pool. Agricultural activity for the month included the nearing completion of the grain harvest and preparation for the beet and corn harvest.

THOMPSON FALLS With the exception of the lumber industry, employment levels in all of the industrial groups remained high and stable. A slight drop in the logging industry is being noted and cutbacks in sawmills are anticipated.

## ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

The State's employment will decrease in September with the slowdown of outdoor activities and the tourist trade. The civilian labor force will also drop largely due to students returning to school. Montana's economy will show some decline until December when it should pick up with the Christmas holiday season.

## MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
AUGUST 1974

| Program | New Enrollees | Job Placements | End of Month Enrollment |
|---|---|---|---|
| WIN | 118 | 82 | 769 |
| CEP | 60 | 40 | 238 |
| MDTA (Inst.) | 0 | 30 | 96 |
| JOBS | 1 | 1 | 36 |
| JOP | 6 | 6 | 85 |
| CETA-OJT | 46 | - | 42 |
| Job Corps | 26 | 14 | 223 |

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]
*(1967 = 100)*

| Group | AUG. 1974 | *Percent Change From:* JULY 1974 | AUG. 1973 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items | 150.2 | *1.3%* | *11.2%* |

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]
AUGUST 1974

| Social Characteristics | *Percent of Total Covered Unemployment* |
|---|---|
| Non-White | *3.9%* |
| Female | *50.4%* |
| Youth | *11.8%* |
| Over 45 | *24.6%* |

*1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.*

*2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

# MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

*in Thousands*

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | Labor Management Dispute 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | Percent# Montana | Percent# U.S. | |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 273.2 | 251.0 | 228.5 | 22.5 | 22.2 | *8.1* | *6.4* | * |
| February | 275.8 | 253.4 | 229.2 | 24.2 | 22.4 | *8.1* | *6.4* | * |
| March | 284.4 | 262.5 | 233.4 | 29.1 | 21.9 | *7.7* | *6.1* | .1 |
| April | 295.7 | 277.0 | 240.7 | 36.3 | 18.7 | *6.3* | *5.5* | .1 |
| May | 300.2 | 283.9 | 248.4 | 35.5 | 16.3 | *5.4* | *5.1* | .2 |
| June | 318.5 | 298.6 | 256.6 | 42.0 | 19.9 | *6.3* | *6.2* | .1 |
| July | 315.2 | 298.1 | 256.9 | 41.2 | 17.1 | *5.4* | *5.8* | .4 |
| August | 321.9 | 305.3 | 257.7 | 47.6 | 16.6 | *5.2* | *5.5* | .6 |
| September | 306.3 | 291.8 | 253.0 | 38.8 | 14.5 | *4.7* | *5.4* | .3 |
| October | 293.0 | 279.2 | 249.3 | 29.9 | 13.8 | *4.7* | *5.1* | * |
| November | 292.1 | 274.6 | 247.9 | 26.7 | 17.5 | *6.0* | *4.9* | .1 |
| December | 290.5 | 269.8 | 246.4 | 23.4 | 20.7 | *7.1* | *4.7* | .1 |
| 1972 Avg. | 297.2 | 278.7 | 245.6 | 33.1 | 18.5 | *6.2* | *5.6* | .1 |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 285.8 | 261.1 | 238.7 | 22.4 | 24.7 | *8.6* | *5.5* | .1 |
| February | 288.3 | 265.6 | 240.3 | 25.3 | 22.7 | *7.9* | *5.6* | * |
| March | 298.0 | 276.1 | 245.5 | 30.6 | 21.9 | *7.4* | *5.2* | * |
| April | 304.7 | 285.3 | 248.6 | 36.7 | 19.4 | *6.3* | *4.8* | .2 |
| May | 311.5 | 294.1 | 255.6 | 38.5 | 17.4 | *5.6* | *4.3* | .4 |
| June | 329.4 | 306.2 | 265.1 | 41.1 | 23.2 | *7.0* | *5.4* | .5 |
| July | 330.9 | 311.6 | 263.5 | 48.1 | 19.3 | *5.8* | *5.0* | * |
| August | 339.2 | 321.8 | 264.5 | 57.3 | 17.4 | *5.1* | *4.7* | .1 |
| September | 320.8 | 305.3 | 260.2 | 45.1 | 15.5 | *4.8* | *4.7* | .1 |
| October | 307.3 | 292.4 | 257.5 | 34.9 | 14.9 | *4.9* | *4.2* | .1 |
| November | 303.4 | 283.6 | 254.2 | 29.4 | 19.8 | *6.5* | *4.5* | * |
| December | 299.4 | 279.8 | 254.1 | 25.7 | 19.6 | *6.5* | *4.5* | * |
| 1973 Avg. | 309.8 | 290.2 | 253.9 | 36.3 | 19.6 | *6.3* | *4.9* | .1 |
| 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 294.8 | 270.5 | 245.7 | 24.8 | 24.3 | *8.3* | *5.6* | .1 |
| February | 297.5 | 274.0 | 249.2 | 24.8 | 23.5 | *7.9* | *5.7* | * |
| March | 307.6 | 284.8 | 254.5 | 30.3 | 22.8 | *7.4* | *5.3* | * |
| April | 317.0 | 295.0 | 261.0 | 34.0 | 22.0 | *6.9* | *4.8* | * |
| May | 329.3 | 309.5 | 270.0 | 39.5 | 19.8 | *6.0* | *4.6* | 4.0 |
| June | 349.6 | 323.0 | 277.9 | 45.1 | 26.6 | *7.6* | *5.8* | 2.0 |
| July | 348.8 | 326.4 | 277.7 | 48.7 | 22.4 | *6.4* | *5.6* | * |
| August | 342.4 | 323.1 | 277.1 | 46.0 | 19.3 | *5.7* | *5.3* | * |
| September | *324.3* | *307.0* | *269.0* | *38.0* | *17.3* | *5.3* | | - |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month prelimary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

# GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

## Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

*in Thousands*

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | Labor Management Dispute 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | *Percent#* | | |
| | | | | | | County | State | |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 29.4 | 27.4 | 26.5 | .9 | 2.0 | *7.0* | *8.1* | 0 |
| February | 29.5 | 27.5 | 26.6 | .9 | 2.0 | *6.9* | *8.1* | 0 |
| March | 30.2 | 28.4 | 27.1 | 1.3 | 1.8 | *5.9* | *7.7* | 0 |
| April | 31.3 | 29.7 | 27.9 | 1.8 | 1.6 | *5.2* | *6.3* | 0 |
| May | 31.2 | 29.7 | 28.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | *4.8* | *5.4* | 0 |
| June | 33.4 | 30.9 | 29.0 | 1.9 | 2.5 | *7.5* | *6.3* | 0 |
| July | 32.6 | 30.4 | 28.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 | *6.7* | *5.4* | * |
| August | 32.6 | 30.5 | 28.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | *6.6* | *5.2* | * |
| September | 32.3 | 30.3 | 28.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | *6.3* | *4.7* | * |
| October | 31.1 | 29.2 | 27.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | *6.1* | *4.7* | 0 |
| November | 31.1 | 28.9 | 27.6 | 1.3 | 2.2 | *7.0* | *6.0* | * |
| December | 31.1 | 28.7 | 27.6 | 1.1 | 2.4 | *7.6* | *7.1* | * |
| 1972 Avg. | 31.3 | 29.3 | 27.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | *6.5* | *6.2* | * |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 30.2 | 27.5 | 26.5 | 1.0 | 2.7 | *8.8* | *8.6* | * |
| February | 30.4 | 27.9 | 26.6 | 1.3 | 2.5 | *8.3* | *7.9* | * |
| March | 30.7 | 28.4 | 27.2 | 1.2 | 2.3 | *7.4* | *7.4* | * |
| April | 31.8 | 29.7 | 28.0 | 1.7 | 2.1 | *6.7* | *6.3* | * |
| May | 32.2 | 30.0 | 28.4 | 1.6 | 2.2 | *6.9* | *5.6* | * |
| June | 34.2 | 31.2 | 29.3 | 1.9 | 3.0 | *8.8* | *7.0* | 0 |
| July | 34.1 | 31.7 | 29.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 | *7.0* | *5.8* | 0 |
| August | 34.4 | 32.4 | 29.3 | 3.1 | 2.0 | *5.9* | *5.1* | 0 |
| September | 33.0 | 31.0 | 29.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | *6.2* | *4.8* | * |
| October | 32.0 | 30.3 | 28.9 | 1.4 | 1.7 | *5.4* | *4.9* | 0 |
| November | 31.4 | 29.4 | 28.3 | 1.1 | 2.0 | *6.3* | *6.5* | * |
| December | 31.4 | 29.5 | 28.1 | 1.4 | 1.9 | *6.0* | *6.5* | * |
| 1973 Avg. | 32.1 | 29.9 | 28.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | *6.8* | *6.3* | * |
| 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 31.0 | 28.6 | 27.6 | 1.0 | 2.4 | *7.7* | *8.3* | * |
| February | 30.9 | 28.9 | 27.7 | 1.2 | 2.0 | *6.6* | *7.9* | * |
| March | 31.4 | 29.3 | 28.2 | 1.1 | 2.1 | *6.6* | *7.4* | * |
| April | 32.3 | 30.3 | 28.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | *6.1* | *6.9* | * |
| May | 34.0 | 31.8 | 30.2 | 1.6 | 2.2 | *6.5* | *6.0* | 1.4 |
| June | 35.6 | 32.8 | 30.9 | 1.9 | 2.8 | *7.9* | *7.6* | 1.2 |
| July | 34.2 | 31.7 | 29.5 | 2.2 | 2.5 | *7.3* | *6.4* | * |
| August | 34.5 | 32.3 | 29.5 | 2.8 | 2.2 | *6.4* | *5.7* | * |
| September | *33.0* | *30.8* | *29.3* | *1.5* | *2.2* | *6.7* | *5.3* | - |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

Table III

RESIDENCE DATA

# BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

*in Thousands*

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | Labor Management Dispute 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | Percent # | | |
| | | | | | | County | State | |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 37.1 | 34.6 | 33.9 | .7 | 2.5 | *6.7* | *8.1* | 0 |
| February | 37.5 | 34.9 | 34.2 | .7 | 2.6 | *6.9* | *8.1* | 0 |
| March | 38.1 | 35.6 | 34.8 | .8 | 2.5 | *6.6* | *7.7* | 0 |
| April | 38.8 | 36.9 | 35.9 | 1.0 | 1.9 | *5.0* | *6.3* | * |
| May | 39.6 | 37.6 | 36.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | *5.0* | *5.4* | * |
| June | 42.0 | 39.3 | 37.8 | 1.5 | 2.7 | *6.4* | *6.3* | * |
| July | 41.9 | 39.6 | 37.9 | 1.7 | 2.3 | *5.5* | *5.4* | * |
| August | 41.5 | 39.3 | 37.9 | 1.4 | 2.2 | *5.5* | *5.2* | * |
| September | 40.9 | 38.9 | 37.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 | *4.9* | *4.7* | * |
| October | 41.7 | 39.9 | 38.9 | 1.0 | 1.8 | *4.3* | *4.7* | * |
| November | 42.1 | 40.0 | 39.2 | .8 | 2.1 | *5.0* | *6.0* | * |
| December | 41.9 | 39.6 | 39.0 | .6 | 2.3 | *5.5* | *7.1* | * |
| 1972 Avg. | 40.3 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | *5.7* | *6.2* | * |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 40.3 | 37.7 | 37.2 | .5 | 2.6 | *6.5* | *8.6* | * |
| February | 40.7 | 38.4 | 37.7 | .7 | 2.3 | *5.5* | *7.9* | * |
| March | 41.1 | 39.2 | 38.4 | .8 | 1.9 | *4.7* | *7.4* | 0 |
| April | 42.1 | 40.1 | 39.5 | .6 | 2.0 | *4.7* | *6.3* | * |
| May | 42.8 | 40.7 | 39.9 | .8 | 2.1 | *4.9* | *5.6* | * |
| June | 44.6 | 41.8 | 41.2 | .6 | 2.8 | *6.1* | *7.0* | .3 |
| July | 44.2 | 41.7 | 41.0 | .7 | 2.5 | *5.7* | *5.8* | * |
| August | 44.3 | 42.0 | 41.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | *5.2* | *5.1* | * |
| September | 43.0 | 41.1 | 40.5 | .6 | 1.9 | *4.4* | *4.8* | * |
| October | 44.0 | 42.0 | 41.4 | .6 | 2.0 | *4.5* | *4.9* | * |
| November | 44.4 | 42.2 | 41.6 | .6 | 2.2 | *5.1* | *6.5* | * |
| December | 44.0 | 42.0 | 41.4 | .6 | 2.0 | *4.5* | *6.5* | * |
| 1973 Avg. | 42.9 | 40.7 | 40.0 | .7 | 2.2 | *5.1* | *6.3* | * |
| 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 42.9 | 39.7 | 38.9 | .8 | 3.2 | *7.4* | *8.3* | 0 |
| February | 43.5 | 41.2 | 40.2 | 1.0 | 2.3 | *5.4* | *7.9* | 0 |
| March | 44.1 | 41.8 | 40.6 | 1.2 | 2.3 | *5.2* | *7.4* | 0 |
| April | 44.6 | 42.5 | 41.2 | 1.3 | 2.1 | *4.7* | *6.9* | 0 |
| May | 45.8 | 43.5 | 42.1 | 1.4 | 2.3 | *4.9* | *6.0* | .5 |
| June | 47.7 | 44.3 | 43.3 | 1.0 | 3.4 | *7.2* | *7.6* | .5 |
| July | 47.0 | 44.1 | 42.9 | 1.2 | 2.9 | *6.3* | *6.4* | * |
| August | 46.8 | 44.5 | 42.9 | 1.6 | 2.3 | *5.0* | *5.7* | * |
| September | *45.1* | *43.2* | *42.3* | *.9* | *1.9* | *4.2* | *5.3* | - |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
*(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)*

Table IV

# MONTANA

## Statewide Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1974

*in Thousands*

| INDUSTRY | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1974 | Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1973 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Civilian Labor Force | 342.4 | 348.8 | 339.2 | -6.4 | 3.2 |
| 2. Unemployment | 19.3 | 22.4 | 17.4 | -3.1 | 1.9 |
| *Percent* of Labor Force# | *5.7* | *6.4* | *5.1* | *-.7* | *.6* |
| 3. Employment, Total | 323.1 | 326.4 | 321.8 | 3.3 | 1.3 |
| (a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) | 244.4 | 244.2 | 232.2 | .2 | 12.2 |
| *NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)* | *246.7* | *246.5* | *234.9* | *.2* | *11.8* |
| *MANUFACTURING* | *26.2* | *26.0* | *25.3* | *.2* | *.9* |
| *Durable Goods* | *17.0* | *16.7* | *16.5* | *.3* | *.5* |
| *24 Lumber and Wood Products* | *10.0* | *9.8* | *9.7* | *.2* | *.3* |
| *33 Primary Metal Industries* | *3.5* | *3.5* | *3.5* | *0* | *0* |
| *Other Durable Goods* | *3.5* | *3.4* | *3.3* | *.1* | *.2* |
| *Nondurable Goods* | *9.2* | *9.3* | *8.8* | *-.1* | *.4* |
| *20 Food and Kindred Products* | *4.5* | *4.6* | *4.4* | *-.1* | *.1* |
| *27 Printing and Publishing* | *1.9* | *2.0* | *1.9* | *-.1* | *0* |
| *29 Petroleum and Coal Products* | *1.3* | *1.2* | *1.1* | *.1* | *.2* |
| *Other Nondurable Goods* | *1.5* | *1.5* | *1.4* | *0* | *.1* |
| *NONMANUFACTURING* | *220.5* | *220.5* | *209.6* | *0* | *10.9* |
| *Mining* | *6.8* | *6.8* | *6.3* | *0* | *.5* |
| *10 Metal Mining* | *4.0* | *4.0* | *3.7* | *0* | *.3* |
| *12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining* | *1.4* | *1.3* | *1.1* | *.1* | *.3* |
| *13 Oil and Gas Extraction* | *1.4* | *1.5* | *1.5* | *-.1* | *-.1* |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Contract Construction* | 17.2 | 17.0 | 16.6 | .2 | .6 |
| *15 General Building Contractors* | 8.3 | 8.1 | 6.7 | .2 | 1.6 |
| *16 Heavy Construction Contractors* | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 0 | -1.3 |
| *17 Special Trade Contractors* | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 0 | .3 |
| *Transportation and Public Utilities* | 20.1 | 20.3 | 19.8 | -.2 | .3 |
| *40 Railroad Transportation* | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.5 | -.1 | .1 |
| *41-47 Transportation, except Railroad* | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 0 | -.2 |
| *48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services* | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.0 | -.1 | .4 |
| *Wholesale and Retail Trade* | 63.4 | 63.0 | 59.2 | .4 | 4.2 |
| *Wholesale Trade* | 12.4 | 12.2 | 10.9 | .2 | 1.5 |
| *Retail Trade* | 51.0 | 50.8 | 48.3 | .2 | 2.7 |
| *53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories* | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 0 | .5 |
| *54 Food Stores* | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.2 | .1 | .4 |
| *55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations* | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.2 | -.2 | -.2 |
| *58 Eating and Drinking Places* | 16.4 | 16.3 | 15.2 | .1 | 1.2 |
| *52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.* | 10.1 | 9.9 | 9.3 | .2 | .8 |
| *Finance, Insurance and Real Estate* | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.5 | .1 | .6 |
| *Services* | 48.0 | 48.3 | 44.4 | -.3 | 3.6 |
| *70 Hotels and other Lodging Places* | 8.5 | 8.6 | 7.8 | -.1 | .7 |
| *72 Personal Services* | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 | .1 | -.1 |
| *80 Medical and other Health Services* | 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.1 | .1 | .9 |
| *Other Services* | 22.9 | 23.3 | 20.8 | -.4 | 2.1 |
| *Government* | 54.9 | 55.1 | 53.8 | -.2 | 1.1 |
| *91 Federal Government* | 14.0 | 13.8 | 13.3 | .2 | .7 |
| *92 & 93 State and Local Government* | 40.9 | 41.3 | 40.5 | -.4 | .4 |
| (b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/] | 32.7 | 33.5 | 32.3 | -.8 | .4 |
| (c) Agriculture | 46.0 | 48.7 | 57.3 | -2.7 | -11.3 |
| 4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/] | * | * | 1 | - | - |

*1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*
*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*
*Establishment Series began January 1964. Residence Series began January 1974.*
*Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*
*2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*

RESIDENCE DATA
*(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)*

Table V

## GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1974

*in Thousands*

| INDUSTRY | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1974 | Aug. 1973 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Civilian Labor Force | 34.5 | 34.2 | 34.4 | .3 | .1 |
| 2. Unemployment | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.0 | -.3 | .2 |
| *Percent* of Labor Force# | *6.4* | *7.3* | *5.9* | *-.9* | *.5* |
| 3. Employment, Total | 32.3 | 31.7 | 32.4 | .6 | -.1 |
| (a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) | 26.7 | 27.3 | 26.8 | -.6 | -.1 |
| *NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)* | *28.1* | *28.1* | *27.8* | *0* | *.3* |
| *MANUFACTURING* | *1.9* | *2.0* | *2.0* | *-.1* | *-.1* |
| *NONMANUFACTURING* | *26.2* | *26.1* | *25.8* | *.1* | *.4* |
| *Contract Construction* | *1.7* | *1.8* | *2.1* | *-.1* | *-.4* |
| *Transportation and Public Utilities* | *2.5* | *2.5* | *2.3* | *0* | *.2* |
| *Wholesale and Retail Trade* | *8.1* | *8.0* | *8.0* | *.1* | *.1* |
| *Finance, Insurance and Real Estate* | *1.8* | *1.8* | *1.8* | *0* | *0* |
| *Services and Mining* | *6.2* | *6.1* | *5.9* | *.1* | *.3* |
| *Government* | *5.9* | *5.9* | *5.7* | *-.1* | *.2* |
| (b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/] | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.5 | .6 | .3 |
| (c) Agriculture | 2.8 | 2.2 | 3.1 | .6 | -.3 |
| 4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/] | * | * | 0 | - | - |

*1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
*Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.*
*Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

*2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*

Table VI

# BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

## Employment by Industry

## AUGUST 1974

*in Thousands*

| INDUSTRY | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1974 | Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1973 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Civilian Labor Force | 46.7 | 47.0 | 44.3 | -.3 | 2.4 |
| 2. Unemployment | 2.3 | 2.9 | 2.3 | -.6 | 0 |
| *Percent* of Labor Force# | *5.0* | *6.3* | *5.2* | *-1.3* | *-.2* |
| 3. Employment, Total | 44.4 | 44.1 | 42.0 | .3 | 2.4 |
| (a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) | 38.4 | 38.4 | 36.2 | 0 | 2.2 |
| *NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)* | *38.5* | *38.5* | *36.5* | *0* | *2.0* |
| *MANUFACTURING* | *4.0* | *3.9* | *3.8* | *.1* | *.2* |
| *NONMANUFACTURING* | *34.5* | *34.6* | *32.7* | *-.1* | *1.8* |
| *Contract Construction* | *2.1* | *2.1* | *2.4* | *0* | *-.3* |
| *Transportation and Public Utilities* | *4.2* | *4.2* | *3.9* | *0* | *.3* |
| *Wholesale and Retail Trade* | *12.5* | *12.4* | *11.5* | *.1* | *1.0* |
| *Finance, Insurance and Real Estate* | *1.9* | *1.9* | *1.8* | *0* | *.1* |
| *Services and Mining* | *8.3* | *8.2* | *7.6* | *.1* | *.7* |
| *Government* | *5.5* | *5.8* | *5.5* | *-.3* | *0* |
| (b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/ | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | -.1 | -.1 |
| (c) Agriculture | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | .4 | .3 |
| 4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/. | * | * | * | - | - |

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers* * *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.*
*Establishment Series began January 1958.* *Residence Series began January 1974.*
*Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

2/ *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).*

Table VII

# MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

*in Thousands*

| | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | | | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1974 | June 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1974 | June 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1974 | June 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1974 |
| STATEWIDE | 349.6 | 348.8 | 342.4 | 323.0 | 326.4 | 323.1 | 26.6 | 22.4 | 19.3 | *7.6* | *6.4* | *5.7* |
| GREAT FALLS SMSA | 35.6 | 34.2 | 34.5 | 32.8 | 31.7 | 32.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.2 | *7.9* | *7.3* | *6.4* |
| BILLINGS SMSA | 47.7 | 47.0 | 46.8 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 44.5 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.3 | *7.2* | *6.3* | *5.0* |
| BALANCE OF STATE[2/] | 266.3 | 267.6 | 261.1 | 245.9 | 250.6 | 246.3 | 20.4 | 17.0 | 14.8 | *7.7* | *6.3* | *5.7* |
| ANACONDA-BUTTE | 34.8 | 34.7 | 34.3 | 32.5 | 32.7 | 32.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 | *6.6* | *5.8* | *5.3* |
| BOZEMAN | 24.5 | 24.8 | 24.3 | 22.9 | 23.3 | 23.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | *6.5* | *6.0* | *5.4* |
| GLASGOW | 18.6 | 19.1 | 18.7 | 17.8 | 18.1 | 17.8 | .8 | 1.0 | .9 | *4.3* | *5.2* | *4.7* |
| GLENDIVE | 14.8 | 15.2 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 13.7 | .8 | .8 | .7 | *5.4* | *5.3* | *4.9* |
| HARDIN-RED LODGE | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | *11.8* | *9.3* | *8.3* |
| HAVRE | 14.2 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 13.3 | 13.6 | 13.4 | .9 | .8 | .7 | *6.3* | *5.6* | *4.9* |
| HELENA | 22.5 | 22.4 | 22.1 | 20.8 | 20.9 | 20.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 | *7.6* | *6.7* | *5.9* |
| KALISPELL | 36.3 | 35.6 | 34.4 | 31.9 | 32.6 | 31.9 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 | *12.1* | *8.4* | *7.2* |
| LEWISTOWN | 12.9 | 13.1 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 1.0 | .8 | .7 | *7.8* | *6.1* | *5.3* |
| MILES CITY | 14.3 | 14.6 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 13.6 | .8 | .7 | .6 | *5.6* | *4.8* | *4.5* |
| MISSOULA | 41.3 | 41.0 | 40.2 | 37.7 | 38.1 | 37.7 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 2.5 | *8.7* | *7.1* | *6.3* |
| SHELBY-CUT BANK | 20.3 | 20.9 | 20.2 | 19.2 | 20.0 | 19.4 | 1.1 | .9 | .8 | *5.4* | *4.3* | *4.2* |

*1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.*
*2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.*

TABLE VIII

# MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

## Civilian Labor Force

*in Thousands*

| | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | | | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Percent Change 1973-1974 | Aug. 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Percent Change 1973-1974 | Aug. 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Net Change 1973-1974 | Aug. 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Net Change 1973-1974 |
| STATEWIDE | 342.4 | 339.2 | .9 | 323.1 | 321.8 | .4 | 19.3 | 17.4 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 5.1 | .6 |
| GREAT FALLS SMSA | 34.5 | 34.4 | .3 | 32.3 | 32.4 | -.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | .2 | 6.4 | 5.9 | .5 |
| BILLINGS SMSA | 46.8 | 44.3 | 5.6 | 44.5 | 42.0 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 5.0 | 5.2 | -.2 |
| BALANCE OF STATE[2/] | 261.1 | 260.5 | .2 | 246.3 | 247.4 | -.4 | 14.8 | 13.1 | 1.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 | .7 |
| ANACONDA-BUTTE | 34.3 | 34.0 | .9 | 32.5 | 32.4 | .3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | .2 | 5.3 | 4.7 | .6 |
| BOZEMAN | 24.3 | 25.5 | -4.7 | 23.0 | 24.6 | -6.5 | 1.3 | .9 | .4 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 1.9 |
| GLASGOW | 18.7 | 17.7 | 5.6 | 17.8 | 16.7 | 6.6 | .9 | 1.0 | -.1 | 4.7 | 5.6 | -.9 |
| GLENDIVE | 14.4 | 14.5 | -.7 | 13.7 | 14.0 | -2.1 | .7 | .5 | .2 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 1.5 |
| HARDIN-RED LODGE | 11.5 | 11.6 | -.9 | 10.5 | 11.1 | -5.4 | 1.0 | .5 | .5 | 8.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| HAVRE | 14.1 | 13.5 | 4.4 | 13.4 | 12.7 | 5.5 | .7 | .8 | -.1 | 4.9 | 5.9 | -1.0 |
| HELENA | 22.1 | 22.6 | -2.2 | 20.8 | 21.4 | -2.8 | 1.3 | 1.2 | .1 | 5.9 | 5.3 | .6 |
| KALISPELL | 34.4 | 33.3 | 3.3 | 31.9 | 30.7 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 2.6 | -.1 | 7.2 | 7.8 | -.6 |
| LEWISTOWN | 12.7 | 14.0 | -9.3 | 12.0 | 13.5 | -11.1 | .7 | .5 | .2 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 1.7 |
| MILES CITY | 14.2 | 13.7 | 3.6 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 3.0 | .6 | .5 | .1 | 4.5 | 3.6 | .9 |
| MISSOULA | 40.2 | 39.5 | 1.8 | 37.7 | 37.4 | .8 | 2.5 | 2.1 | .4 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 1.0 |
| SHELBY-CUT BANK | 20.2 | 20.6 | -1.9 | 19.4 | 19.7 | -1.5 | .8 | .9 | -.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | -.2 |

*1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.*
*2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.*



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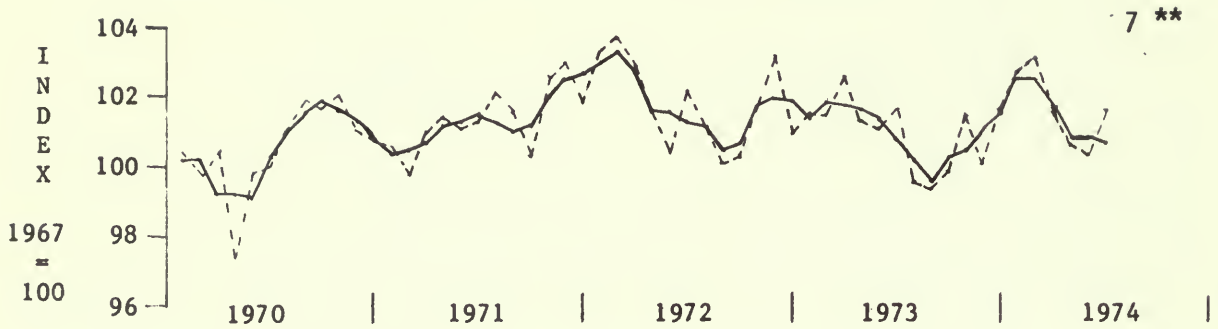
# ECONOMIC INDICATORS

# COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*




Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

| | |
|---|---|
| **1973** | |
| January | 101.6 |
| February | 101.5 |
| March | 102.6 |
| April | 101.3 |
| May | 101.1 |
| June | 101.7 |
| July | 99.6 |
| August | 99.4 |
| September | 99.9 |
| October | 101.5 |
| November | 100.1 |
| December | 101.6 |
| **1974** | |
| January | 102.7 |
| February | 103.0 |
| March | 101.4 |
| April | 100.6 |
| May | 100.3 |
| June | 101.6 |
| July | 101.5$^{p}$ |
| August | |
| September | |
| October | |
| November | |
| December | |

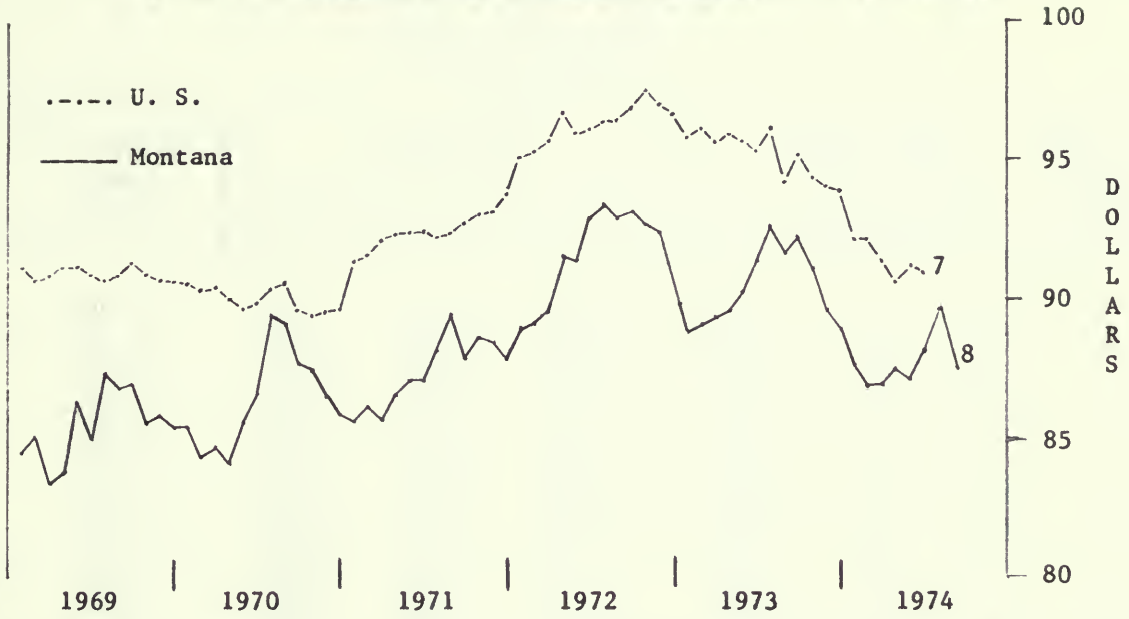
## MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

Montana's Composite Index remained stable during July. Accessions showed a healthy increase over June while layoffs remained constant with June's figure. Average weekly initial claims increased over the previous month but was offset by a similar increase in manufacturing employment. Average weekly hours remained stable as did, surprisingly enough, building permits.

Preliminary information indicates that layoffs will increase in August due to completion of the canning industry campaign and layoffs in the ordnance industry. There will probably be a corresponding increase in initial claims. All reports indicate trouble in the building trades and lumber industry but to date these rumors have not been verified.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*
** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

## REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
## OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)




| | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Average Weekly Earnings | $157.68[p] | $159.90 | $144.36 |
| Taxes Withheld | -26.27 | -27.12 | -22.53 |
| Spendable Earnings | 131.41[p] | 132.78 | 121.83 |
| Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967 | -43.92 | -43.25 | -31.65 |
| Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars | 87.49[p] | 89.53 | 90.18 |

| | 1973 |
|---|---|
| January | $88.87 |
| February | 89.02 |
| March | 89.35 |
| April | 89.52 |
| May | 90.25 |
| June | 91.31 |
| July | 92.54 |
| August | 91.67 |
| September | 92.17 |
| Octover | 91.10 |
| November | 89.54 |
| December | 88.98 |

| | 1974 |
|---|---|
| January | 87.62 |
| February | 86.88 |
| March | 86.94 |
| April | 87.50 |
| May | 87.15 |
| June | 88.17 |
| July | 89.53 |
| August | 87.49[p] |
| September | |
| October | |
| November | |
| December | |

Real spendable earnings in Montana were down from the same period of one year ago. The month of July showed a slight increase over June due to salary increases in some industries. However, this upward trend was short-lived as inflationary pressures continued to take an ever-increasing bite out of the wage earner's pocketbook. As of this date there appears to be little if any relief in sight.

Table IX

RESIDENCE DATA

# MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

*in Thousands*

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | Labor Management Dispute 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | Percent Montana | Percent U.S. | |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 291.7 | 273.4 | 241.5 | 31.9 | 18.3 | *6.3* | *5.9* | * |
| February | 293.4 | 275.0 | 242.3 | 32.7 | 18.4 | *6.3* | *5.7* | * |
| March | 295.6 | 277.7 | 243.9 | 33.8 | 17.9 | *6.1* | *5.9* | .1 |
| April | 299.2 | 281.0 | 245.6 | 35.4 | 18.2 | *6.1* | *5.9* | .1 |
| May | 297.6 | 279.5 | 246.4 | 33.1 | 18.1 | *6.1* | *5.9* | .2 |
| June | 297.4 | 280.0 | 245.5 | 34.5 | 17.4 | *5.9* | *5.5* | .1 |
| July | 295.9 | 277.9 | 246.3 | 31.6 | 18.0 | *6.1* | *5.5* | .4 |
| August | 297.9 | 279.4 | 246.1 | 33.3 | 18.5 | *6.2* | *5.6* | .6 |
| September | 299.1 | 280.0 | 246.1 | 33.9 | 19.1 | *6.4* | *5.5* | .3 |
| October | 297.4 | 278.4 | 246.3 | 32.1 | 19.0 | *6.4* | *5.5* | * |
| November | 299.6 | 280.6 | 248.1 | 32.5 | 19.0 | *6.3* | *5.2* | .1 |
| December | 300.8 | 280.6 | 249.1 | 31.5 | 20.2 | *6.7* | *5.1* | .1 |
| 1972 Avg. | 297.2 | 278.7 | 245.6 | 33.1 | 18.5 | *6.2* | *5.6* | .1 |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 304.0 | 283.9 | 252.1 | 31.8 | 20.1 | *6.6* | *5.0* | .1 |
| February | 306.6 | 288.0 | 254.0 | 34.0 | 18.6 | *6.1* | *5.1* | * |
| March | 310.1 | 291.9 | 256.0 | 35.9 | 18.2 | *5.9* | *5.0* | * |
| April | 307.9 | 288.9 | 253.4 | 35.5 | 19.0 | *6.2* | *5.0* | .2 |
| May | 308.4 | 289.1 | 253.3 | 35.8 | 19.3 | *6.3* | *5.0* | .4 |
| June | 308.1 | 287.6 | 253.4 | 34.2 | 20.5 | *6.7* | *4.8* | .5 |
| July | 310.4 | 290.1 | 252.9 | 37.2 | 20.3 | *6.5* | *4.7* | * |
| August | 312.1 | 292.6 | 253.1 | 39.5 | 19.5 | *6.2* | *4.8* | .1 |
| September | 313.0 | 292.9 | 253.6 | 39.3 | 20.1 | *6.4* | *4.8* | .1 |
| October | 312.4 | 291.9 | 254.4 | 37.5 | 20.5 | *6.6* | *4.5* | .1 |
| November | 312.1 | 290.7 | 254.5 | 36.2 | 21.4 | *6.9* | *4.7* | * |
| December | 310.6 | 291.5 | 256.9 | 34.6 | 19.1 | *6.1* | *4.8* | * |
| 1973 Avg. | 309.8 | 290.2 | 253.9 | 36.3 | 19.6 | *6.3* | *4.9* | .1 |
| 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 314.5 | 294.7 | 259.5 | 35.2 | 19.8 | *6.3* | *5.2* | .1 |
| February | 316.0 | 296.7 | 263.4 | 33.3 | 19.3 | *6.1* | *5.2* | * |
| March | 319.6 | 300.7 | 265.4 | 35.3 | 18.9 | *5.9* | *5.1* | * |
| April | 320.5 | 299.0 | 266.1 | 32.9 | 21.5 | *6.7* | *5.0* | * |
| May | 326.3 | 304.3 | 267.6 | 36.7 | 22.0 | *6.7* | *5.2* | 4.0 |
| June | 326.7 | 303.2 | 265.7 | 37.5 | 23.5 | *7.2* | *5.2* | 2.0 |
| July | 327.8 | 304.2 | 266.5 | 37.7 | 23.6 | *7.2* | *5.3* | * |
| August | 318.6 | 296.9 | 265.2 | 31.7 | 21.7 | *6.8* | *5.4* | * |
| September | *317.7* | *295.3* | *262.2* | *33.1* | *22.4* | *7.0* | | - |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

*NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.* *Revised to 1 /3 Benchmarks*

Table X

# GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

## Civilian Labor Force

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

*in Thousands*

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | Labor Management Dispute |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | Percent | | |
| | | | | | | County | State | |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 30.9 | 29.2 | 28.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 | *5.5* | *6.3* | 0 |
| February | 30.8 | 29.0 | 27.9 | 1.1 | 1.8 | *5.8* | *6.3* | 0 |
| March | 31.1 | 29.4 | 27.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 | *5.5* | *6.1* | 0 |
| April | 31.4 | 29.7 | 28.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | *5.4* | *6.1* | 0 |
| May | 31.1 | 29.5 | 28.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | *5.1* | *6.1* | 0 |
| June | 31.5 | 29.5 | 28.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | *6.3* | *5.9* | 0 |
| July | 31.4 | 29.3 | 27.8 | 1.5 | 2.1 | *6.7* | *6.1* | * |
| August | 31.4 | 29.1 | 27.4 | 1.7 | 2.3 | *7.3* | *6.2* | * |
| September | 31.7 | 29.5 | 27.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 | *6.9* | *6.4* | * |
| October | 31.6 | 29.2 | 27.5 | 1.7 | 2.4 | *7.6* | *6.4* | 0 |
| November | 31.5 | 29.1 | 27.5 | 1.6 | 2.4 | *7.6* | *6.3* | * |
| December | 31.7 | 29.2 | 27.8 | 1.4 | 2.5 | *7.9* | *6.7* | * |
| 1972 Avg. | 31.3 | 29.3 | 27.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | *6.5* | *6.2* | * |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 31.5 | 29.2 | 27.9 | 1.3 | 2.3 | *7.3* | *6.6* | * |
| February | 31.7 | 29.5 | 27.9 | 1.6 | 2.2 | *6.9* | *6.1* | * |
| March | 31.6 | 29.4 | 28.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 | *7.0* | *5.9* | * |
| April | 31.9 | 29.7 | 28.2 | 1.5 | 2.2 | *6.9* | *6.2* | * |
| May | 32.1 | 29.8 | 28.2 | 1.6 | 2.3 | *7.2* | *6.3* | * |
| June | 32.2 | 29.8 | 28.3 | 1.5 | 2.4 | *7.5* | *6.7* | 0 |
| July | 32.6 | 30.3 | 28.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 | *7.0* | *6.5* | 0 |
| August | 32.9 | 30.8 | 28.5 | 2.3 | 2.1 | *6.4* | *6.2* | 0 |
| September | 32.4 | 30.2 | 28.6 | 1.6 | 2.2 | *6.8* | *6.4* | * |
| October | 32.5 | 30.3 | 28.7 | 1.6 | 2.2 | *6.8* | *6.6* | 0 |
| November | 31.8 | 29.6 | 28.2 | 1.4 | 2.2 | *6.9* | *6.9* | * |
| December | 32.1 | 30.1 | 28.3 | 1.8 | 2.0 | *6.2* | *6.1* | * |
| 1973 Avg. | 32.1 | 29.9 | 28.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | *6.8* | *6.3* | * |
| 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 32.4 | 30.4 | 29.1 | 1.3 | 2.0 | *6.2* | *6.3* | * |
| February | 32.3 | 30.5 | 29.0 | 1.5 | 1.8 | *5.6* | *6.1* | * |
| March | 32.2 | 30.2 | 29.0 | 1.2 | 2.0 | *6.2* | *5.9* | * |
| April | 32.4 | 30.3 | 29.0 | 1.3 | 2.1 | *6.5* | *6.7* | * |
| May | 33.9 | 31.6 | 30.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | *6.8* | *6.7* | 1.4 |
| June | 33.7 | 31.4 | 29.9 | 1.5 | 2.3 | *6.8* | *7.2* | 1.2 |
| July | 32.8 | 30.4 | 28.5 | 1.9 | 2.4 | *7.3* | *7.2* | * |
| August | 33.2 | 30.8 | 28.7 | 2.1 | 2.4 | *7.2* | *6.8* | * |
| September | *32.4* | *30.0* | *28.7* | *1.3* | *2.4* | *7.4* | *7.0* | - |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

*1/ Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

*NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.* *Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

Table XI

# BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

*in Thousands*

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | Labor Management Dispute 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | Percent County | Percent State | |
| 1972 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 38.5 | 36.3 | 35.4 | .9 | 2.2 | *5.7* | *6.3* | 0 |
| February | 38.8 | 36.5 | 35.6 | .9 | 2.3 | *5.9* | *6.3* | 0 |
| March | 39.2 | 37.0 | 36.0 | 1.0 | 2.2 | *5.6* | *6.1* | 0 |
| April | 39.4 | 37.3 | 36.2 | 1.1 | 2.1 | *5.3* | *6.1* | * |
| May | 39.6 | 37.4 | 36.5 | .9 | 2.2 | *5.6* | *6.1* | * |
| June | 40.3 | 38.1 | 36.8 | 1.3 | 2.2 | *5.5* | *5.9* | * |
| July | 40.8 | 38.5 | 37.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | *5.6* | *6.1* | * |
| August | 40.7 | 38.4 | 37.3 | 1.1 | 2.3 | *5.7* | *6.2* | * |
| September | 40.9 | 38.6 | 37.4 | 1.2 | 2.3 | *5.6* | *6.4* | * |
| October | 41.6 | 39.1 | 38.1 | 1.0 | 2.5 | *6.0* | *6.4* | * |
| November | 41.4 | 39.3 | 38.4 | .9 | 2.1 | *5.1* | *6.3* | * |
| December | 41.7 | 39.4 | 38.7 | .7 | 2.3 | *5.5* | *6.7* | * |
| 1972 Avg. | 40.3 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | *5.7* | *6.2* | * |
| 1973 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 41.9 | 39.6 | 38.9 | .7 | 2.3 | *5.5* | *6.6* | * |
| February | 42.2 | 40.2 | 39.3 | .9 | 2.0 | *4.7* | *6.1* | * |
| March | 42.4 | 40.7 | 39.7 | 1.0 | 1.7 | *4.0* | *5.9* | 0 |
| April | 42.6 | 40.4 | 39.8 | .6 | 2.2 | *5.2* | *6.2* | * |
| May | 42.9 | 40.5 | 39.8 | .7 | 2.4 | *5.6* | *6.3* | * |
| June | 42.8 | 40.5 | 40.0 | .5 | 2.3 | *5.4* | *6.7* | .3 |
| July | 43.1 | 40.7 | 40.2 | .5 | 2.4 | *5.6* | *6.5* | * |
| August | 43.5 | 41.2 | 40.4 | .8 | 2.3 | *5.3* | *6.2* | * |
| September | 43.0 | 40.8 | 40.3 | .5 | 2.2 | *5.1* | *6.4* | * |
| October | 43.9 | 41.1 | 40.5 | .6 | 2.8 | *6.4* | *6.6* | * |
| November | 43.6 | 41.4 | 40.8 | .6 | 2.2 | *5.1* | *6.9* | * |
| December | 43.7 | 41.7 | 41.0 | .7 | 2.0 | *4.6* | *6.1* | * |
| 1973 Avg. | 42.9 | 40.7 | 40.0 | .7 | 2.2 | *5.1* | *6.3* | * |
| 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 44.4 | 41.6 | 40.6 | 1.0 | 2.8 | *6.3* | *6.3* | 0 |
| February | 45.2 | 43.2 | 41.9 | 1.3 | 2.0 | *4.4* | *6.1* | 0 |
| March | 45.4 | 43.4 | 41.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | *4.4* | *5.9* | 0 |
| April | 45.2 | 42.9 | 41.5 | 1.4 | 2.3 | *5.1* | *6.7* | 0 |
| May | 45.9 | 43.3 | 42.0 | 1.3 | 2.6 | *5.7* | *6.7* | .5 |
| June | 45.7 | 42.9 | 42.0 | 0.9 | 2.8 | *6.1* | *7.2* | .5 |
| July | 45.8 | 43.0 | 42.1 | 0.9 | 2.8 | *6.1* | *7.2* | * |
| August | 45.9 | 43.6 | 42.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | *5.0* | *6.8* | * |
| September | *45.1* | *42.9* | *42.1* | *.8* | 2.2 | *4.9* | *7.0* | - |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

* *Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.*

*1/ Non-additive - included in Total Employment. Series began January 1970.*

*NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.*

Table XII

# MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

## For Private Nonagricultural Industries

AUGUST 1974

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 | Aug. 1974 | July 1974 | Aug. 1973 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | $157.68 | $159.90 | $144.36 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 37.4 | $4.25 | 4.31 | $3.86 |
| MANUFACTURING | 187.11 | 187.50 | 184.27 | 37.8 | 37.5 | 39.8 | 4.95 | 5.00 | 4.63 |
| Durable Goods | 184.39 | 183.50 | 183.14 | 37.1 | 36.7 | 39.9 | 4.97 | 5.00 | 4.59 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 220.70 | 221.10 | 173.35 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 37.2 | 5.50 | 5.49 | 4.66 |
| Nondurable Goods | 194.44 | 198.10 | 188.25 | 39.6 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 4.91 | 4.99 | 4.73 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 184.90 | 184.47 | 179.75 | 43.2 | 43.1 | 42.9 | 4.28 | 4.28 | 4.19 |
| MINING | 242.94 | 253.02 | 213.78 | 41.6 | 43.7 | 43.1 | 5.84 | 5.79 | 4.96 |
| Metal Mining | 239.71 | 261.56 | 221.79 | 38.6 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 6.21 | 6.14 | 5.17 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 281.60 | 296.30 | 245.46 | 35.6 | 35.4 | 38.9 | 7.91 | 8.37 | 6.31 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES | 246.59 | 245.47 | 220.45 | 43.8 | 43.6 | 40.9 | 5.63 | 5.63 | 5.39 |
| Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services | 185.25 | 190.41 | 182.03 | 39.0 | 40.6 | 39.4 | 4.75 | 4.69 | 4.62 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 123.03 | 124.10 | 113.40 | 36.4 | 36.5 | 36.7 | 3.38 | 3.40 | 3.09 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE | 113.65 | 113.78 | 104.53 | 36.9 | 37.4 | 37.6 | 3.08 | 3.01 | 2.78 |
| SERVICES | 103.97 | 103.70 | 88.97 | 34.2 | 34.0 | 33.7 | 3.04 | 3.05 | 2.64 |

*Data for current month are preliminary.*
*Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.*
*Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).*
*Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

Table XIII

# MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

## In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

*(per 100 employees)*

JULY 1974

| | ACCESSION RATES | | | | | | SEPARATION RATES | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | | New Hires | | | Total | | | Quits | | | Layoffs | | |
| | July 1974 | June 1974 | July 1973 | July 1974 | June 1974 | July 1973 | July 1974 | June 1974 | July 1973 | July 1974 | June 1974 | July 1973 | July 1974 | June 1974 | July 1973 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.4 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | .4 | .3 | .7 |
| Durable Goods | 4.8 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.5 | .4 | .2 | .6 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 3.6 | 5.4 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 1.1 | .6 | 1.2 | - | .2 | .7 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.5 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.1 | .4 | .3 | .9 |
| MINING | 6.1 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | .1 | * | .4 |
| Metal Mining | 6.8 | 8.6 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.9 | - | * | * |

* *Less than .05.*
*Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*
*Series began January 1959.*

## NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of August 1974.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana by industry in August.

| INDUSTRY | NUMBER |
|---|---|
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES | 28 |
| MINING | 3 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 32 |
| MANUFACTURING | 12 |
| TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES | 1 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE | 51 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE | 11 |
| SERVICES | 76 |
| TOTAL | 214 |

# MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

## WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

August 1974 - 214 Total New Firms

| Areas | New Business Firms |
|---|---|
| GREAT FALLS SMSA | |
| Cascade | 15 |
| ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA | 21 |
| Beaverhead | 4 |
| Deer Lodge | 4 |
| Granite | 1 |
| Madison | 1 |
| Powell | 3 |
| Silver Bow | 8 |
| BOZEMAN LMA | 25 |
| Gallatin | 22 |
| Meagher | - |
| Park | 3 |
| GLASGOW LMA | 5 |
| Daniels | 1 |
| Phillips | 1 |
| Roosevelt | 2 |
| Sheridan | 1 |
| Valley | - |
| GLENDIVE LMA | 9 |
| Dawson | 2 |
| Garfield | 1 |
| McCone | 1 |
| Prairie | 1 |
| Richland | 4 |
| Wibaux | - |
| HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA | 7 |
| Big Horn | 3 |
| Carbon | 2 |
| Stillwater | 2 |
| Sweet Grass | - |
| HAVRE LMA | 11 |
| Blaine | 1 |
| Hill | 9 |
| Liberty | 1 |

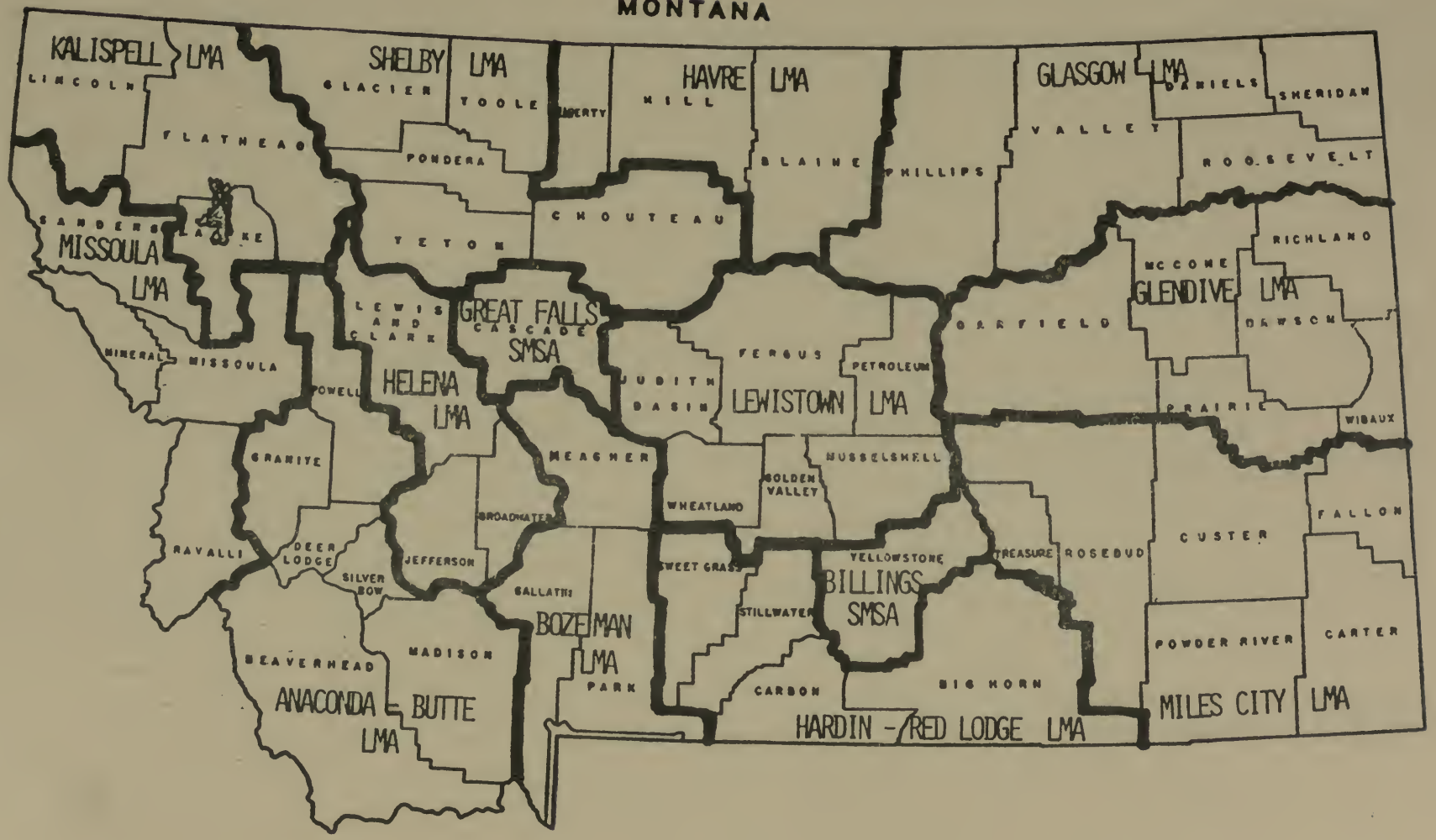
| Areas | New Business Firms |
|---|---|
| BILLINGS SMSA | |
| Yellowstone | 23 |
| HELENA LMA | 10 |
| Broadwater | - |
| Jefferson | - |
| Lewis and Clark | 10 |
| KALISPELL LMA | 19 |
| Flathead | 10 |
| Lake | 3 |
| Lincoln | 6 |
| LEWISTOWN LMA | 4 |
| Fergus | 4 |
| Golden Valley | - |
| Judith Basin | - |
| Musselshell | - |
| Petroleum | - |
| Wheatland | - |
| MILES CITY LMA | 11 |
| Carter | - |
| Custer | 6 |
| Fallon | 1 |
| Powder River | - |
| Rosebud | 4 |
| Treasure | - |
| MISSOULA LMA | 45 |
| Mineral | 1 |
| Missoula | 34 |
| Ravalli | 9 |
| Sanders | 1 |
| SHELBY LMA | 9 |
| Chouteau | 2 |
| Glacier | 2 |
| Pondera | 4 |
| Teton | 1 |
| Toole | - |

*Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.*

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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